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"For the first time since 1945 the Soviets, who have taken over the properties of the Donau-Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft in the eastern part of Austria under the title of their being a former German asset, have permitted the transport of the VOST (the biggest steel plant in Austria located in Linz) of 4,164 tons of the above 10,811 tons of fuel oil per steamer on the Danube. This mainly in order to get rid of the fuel stockpiling in the Soviet-controlled refineries for lack of transportation means. This step representing, so to say the resumption of the trade shipping on the Danube between east and west, was given a great publicity and made the headlines in the Austrian newspapers. For the month of February, the Soviets have permitted another ship-load of fuel oil to the VOST, however, under the condition that no publication of this fact takes place in the newspapers."

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